

Provider policies

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Summary of changes

3400.0020 Definitions

- Adds definition of center employee - **“Center employee”** means all persons employed by a licensed or certified license exempt child care center; a person not employed by a licensed or certified license exempt child care center who has direct contact with children served by the center and requires a background study under Minnesota Statutes, section 245C, subdivision 1(a)(3); a person who is a contractor under Minnesota Statutes, section 245C.02, subdivision 9; or a person who is a child care staff member under 45 C.F.R. §98.43(a)(2)(ii).
- Adds definition of related – **“Related”** means the legal nonlicensed provider is the child’s sibling, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, or uncle, based on blood relationship, marriage or court decree.

3400.0110 Child Care Assistance Payments

- Repeals language on provisional payments to legal nonlicensed providers.
- Adds content on authorizing care at application, redetermination, and during the 12 month eligibility period for schedule reporters and 12 month reporters.
- Adds content on absent day exemptions for children with documented medical conditions.
- Aligns medical professionals who are able to document a parentally responsible individual’s medical leave of absence with the medical professionals under the unable to care policy.

3400.0120 Eligible Providers and Provider Requirements

- Clarifies situations when care is unable to be authorized with a registered provider.
- Adds content on provider compliance policies and CCAP agency implementation.
- Expands on acknowledgements required by different provider types at registration.
- Includes draft language on licensed family volunteers and aids needing to meet training requirements in order for the provider to receive CCAP payments.
- Includes draft language on capacity limits for legal nonlicensed child care providers.
- Adds content on legal nonlicensed provider training requirements, health and safety requirements, and annual monitoring.

3400.0130 Child Care Assistance Program Maximum Rates

- Clarifies rate determination policies for individual children with special needs due to a disability and for providers caring for children included in an at-risk population.
- Clarifies maximum rates able to be paid based on the child’s age category and provider type.